

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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- 1.(Amended) A locking cover for a component rack containing components, comprising:
at least one lock mechanism mounted within said locking cover, wherein said lock mechanism includes a sliding security plate that extends beyond one end of said locking cover when in a locked position to prevent access to at least one of the components; and
a track for slidably supporting the sliding security plate.
2. (Amended) The locking cover according to claim 35, wherein said lock mechanism further comprises a key lock, and a pawl such that when said key lock is rotated toward the locked position, said pawl slides said security plate along said track, covering said at least one fastener of said component tray.
3. (Amended) The locking cover according to claim 1, wherein said lock mechanism is a combination lock coupled with said sliding security plate.
4. (Amended) The locking cover according to claim 1, wherein said lock mechanism is a padlock.
5. (Amended) The locking cover according to claim 35, wherein said lock mechanism is positioned at one end of said locking cover, proximal to said fastener.
- 6.(Amended) The locking cover according to claim 35, wherein said lock mechanism is positioned distal from said locking fastener.
- 7.(Amended) The locking cover according to claim 35, wherein said locking cover forms a handle for
pulling and pushing said component tray in and out of said component rack.

A1 8.(Amended) The locking cover according to claim 1, wherein said locking cover is made of a plastic material.

A2 11.(Amended) A locking system for a component rack, comprising:
at least one tray slidably mounted within the component rack;
at least one fastener removably anchoring said at least one tray to said component rack in a retracted position;
a cover on a portion of said at least one tray;
at least one lock mechanism mounted within said cover; and
a sliding security plate that is extendable to block access to said at least one fastener.

A3 12.(Amended) The system according to claim 11, wherein said at least one tray holds several components.

13.(Amended) The system according to claim 11, wherein said cover has a plurality of said lock mechanisms mounted within said cover.

A3 18.(Amended) The system according to claim 11, wherein said cover is shaped to serve as a handle for placement of said at least one tray within said component rack.

B3 19.(Amended) A locking system for a component rack said component rack including, a tray slidably mounted within said component rack, said tray anchored to said component rack in a closed position by at least one fastener, such that removal of said tray requires access to and removal of said at least one fastener comprising:
a cover mounted to said tray;
a locking mechanism which prevents access through said access port to said at least one fastener while in a locked position, and allows access through said access port to said fastener while in an unlocked position.

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20.(Amended) The locking system according to claim 19, wherein said at least one fastener is a threaded fastener.

21.(Amended) The locking system according to claim 19, wherein said locking mechanism is

comprised of a key lock, a pawl, a track, and a sliding security plate, such that when said key lock is rotated toward said locked position, said pawl slides said security plate along said track, covering said at least one fastener of said tray.

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25.(Amended) The locking system according to claim 19, wherein said locking mechanism is positioned distal from said at least one fastener, and said locking mechanism includes a sliding security plate that extends to prevent access to said at least one fastener.

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27.(Amended) The locking system according to claim 26, wherein said tray is additionally anchored to said component rack by at least one threaded fastener proximal to a second end of said cover.

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30.(Amended) The locking system according to claim 25, wherein said sliding security plate is made of a metal material.

31.(Amended) The locking system according to claim 25, wherein said sliding security plate is made of a plastic material.

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32.(Amended) A method of securing a tray within a component rack, comprising the steps of:
sliding said tray into a closed position within said component rack;
a cover for said tray;
sliding a security plate within said cover until said security plate covers and inhibits access to an access aperture leading to at least one fastener;
anchoring said tray into said component rack; and

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activating a locking mechanism located within said cover of said tray and coupled to said security plate, to lock said security plate in place.

Please add new claim 35.

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35.(New) The locking cover of claim 1, wherein the component rack includes a component tray for holding at least one component and said component tray is secured to the component rack by a fastener and wherein the sliding security plate covers the fastener so as to prevent access to the fastener.
